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explained the reasons for establishing State societies, as now being done by the American Peace Society. On motion of C. H. Spooner, president of Norwich University, a temporary organization was effected, with Mr. J. H. Senter as chairman. A committee consisting of President Spooner, W. H. Crockett, and M. S. Stone was appointed to draft a constitution and take the necessary steps for permanent organization. The constitution has already been drafted and a meeting for completing the organization will be held at an early date.

It was announced in our last issue that the Interparliamentary Union Conference this year would be held in this country. But owing to difficulty in bringing about the passage through the House of Representatives of a resolution extending the invitation and appropriating money for the entertainment of the visitors, the Interparliamentary Group in Congress have given up the plan of having the conference here this year. Mr. Bartholdt has so notified the Council at Brussels. The conference has been set for the 17th of September, and it will probably be held in Geneva. That city is also talked of for the Nineteenth International Peace Congress, which will meet at about the same time.

The Vienna Academic Peace Union, a section of the Austrian Peace Society, has been giving a series of weekly lectures from the 1st of February to the 4th of April. Among the distinguished lecturers we notice the names of the Baroness Von Suttner, Alfred H. Fried, Prof. Leo Strisower, Prof. Oswald Richter, Prof. Rudolf Kobatsch, and Prof. Josef Longo. Discussions followed all the lectures. The meetings were held in one of the halls of the university.

The Executive Council of the International Law Association has announced from London (1 Mitre Court Buildings, Temple, E. C.) that the next conference of the Association will be held in Paris, in the *Palais de Justice*, May 27th and following days. Many eminent men from France, Great Britain, and other countries will attend, among them Lord Alverstone, Chief Justice of England, honorary president of the Association, and Maître Edouard Clunet, president of the *Institut de Droit International*, president of the Association. Among the subjects on the program are: International Arbitration (to which one session is always devoted), Neutralization of States, Extradition Laws and Treaties, Aerial Navigation, International Maritime Fixed Routes, etc.

On March 23 the European Bureau of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace opened its headquarters in Paris, in Rue Pierre Curie, opposite the Oceanographic Institute. There was a large attendance of Senators, Deputies, and of scientific men. United States Ambassador Robert Bacon and Mrs. Bacon were the guests of honor. Baron d'Estournelles de Constant presided, and explained that the Carnegie Peace Foundation had for its aim to enable the friends of peace of different countries to promote the welfare of their separate countries by working for the interest of all countries for the creation of a patriotism devoted to the higher civilization. A cablegram of congratulations was sent to Andrew Carnegie.

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, superintendent of the Peace Department of the W. C. T. U., has been very actively

engaged during the season in various lines of effort: the promotion of the ratification of the arbitration treaties, the prevention of the introduction of military drill into the high schools, the securing of signatures to the world-petition, to the third Hague Conference, the prevention of the fortification of the Panama Canal and the erection of a peace monument at its entrance, the urging of Secretary Knox to try to induce Italy and Turkey to refer their differences to arbitration, etc.

The Norwegian Nobel Institute, founded in 1904 under the direction of the Nobel Prize Committee of the Norwegian Parliament, has decided to enlarge its activities by publishing a series of scientific works under the title, "Publications of the Norwegian Nobel Institute." The first volume will appear on the first of May. It will be a large octavo volume of 300 pages, entitled "International Arbitration Among the Greeks," by A. Raeder, of Christiania. The work will be based upon a study of the Greek inscriptions which have been published, and will present a complete account of the employment of international arbitration in ancient Greece. This will be followed by works by Achille Loria, professor at the University of Turin; L. Oppenheim, professor at the University of Cambridge; Phil. Zoru, professor at Bonn University; H. Lammach, professor at the University of Vienna; P. Reinsch, of the University of Wisconsin, this year Roosevelt Exchange Professor at Berlin, and H. Federspiel, of Copenhagen. The publishers in this country of these works will be G. P. Putnam's Sons, of New York. In Europe the publishers will be H. Aschehoug & Co., Christiania; Duncker and Humblot, Leipzig; Félix Alcan, Paris, and Williams and Norgate, London.

Brief Peace Notes.

... Two hundred and fifty thousand copies of Lord Haldane's speech on friendship between Great Britain and Germany have been distributed in the latter country, mostly to prominent men in public life, in business, education, etc. The dispatches add that for a month or more there has been much less war talk in the two countries than previously. The preservation of peace between Germany and Great Britain will be one of the easiest things in the world if the two peoples will only use their brains.

... From a memorandum of Lord Haldane, the British Minister of War, it appears that the British army estimates for 1912-1913 have risen to £27,860,000 (\$139,300,000), an increase of £170,000 (\$850,000) over last year. This increase is due to the provision made for aviation service. Each of the great powers, so-called, seems determined to get ahead of its neighbors in readiness to fight in the air! The absurdity of fear and distrust can certainly go no further.

... The bill introduced into the Senate by Senator Burton, and now in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, appropriating seven and a half millions of dollars toward the expenses of the celebration of the Anglo-American centenary of peace, proposes the appointment by the President of a commission of seven members, all citizens of the United States, one of whom shall be a retired engineer. The committee shall serve for not more than four years and without compensation,

and shall coöperate with any citizens' association of recognized standing in planning and carrying out the celebration. If this bill goes through, it will put the celebration on such a basis as to make it a great and memorable event.

. . . Professor Villani, of Rome, has estimated that the cost to Italy of the war with Turkey in Tripoli will be four hundred thousand dollars a day. And then when the war is over, of which the signs are not now very flattering, the cost will go on for many years in the future. Economically, as in all other respects, the whole affair has been a wretched piece of folly, for which the government may yet have to pay in revolution, anarchy, the overthrow of the monarchy, and what not.

. . . Senator Elihu Root has suggested that on February 17, 1915, the hundredth anniversary of the ratification of the treaty of Ghent, all the activities of the English-speaking world be brought to a standstill for five minutes, for the prayerful contemplation of the century of unbroken peace among the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

Organization of the Maine Peace Society.

By James L. Tryon, Director of the New England Department of the American Peace Society.

(Concluded from March issue.)

The Maine Peace Society centered primarily about a group of the friends of the cause in Portland. The Director had the advantage of having once lived in that city and the satisfaction of seeing this society organized in his boyhood home, the residence of the Misses Libby, 150 Park street. He was assisted by Rev. Henry Blanchard, D. D., for many years the pastor of Congress Square Universalist Church, now the agent of Westbrook Seminary; by George E. Fogg, Esq., a young lawyer who has been identified with prison reform work in Maine, and who, as president of the State Universalist Convention last year, delivered a telling address on the peace movement; by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, known for a whole generation as superintendent of the Peace Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and whose range of official duties extends not only throughout her own State, but the nation and the world; by her son, M. M. Bailey; by Rev. Charles M. Woodman, pastor of the Friends' Church; by President Arthur C. Yeaton, one of the leading educators of Maine; by Dr. E. E. Holt, the oculist; by Mr. A. T. Laughlin, well known in philanthropic circles; Rev. Raymond Calkins, D. D., pastor of State Street Congregational Church, and others.

The meeting for the adoption of the constitution was held at 150 Park street, November 28, 1911, when the society was made a branch of the American Peace Society, and nominations were made for officers and directors. The constitution adopted is almost identical with that of the Massachusetts Peace Society, which is based on that of the American Peace Society, and provides for officers, vice-presidents, and directors, with an Executive Committee, in which the real responsibility for the success of the organization is vested. The same method was employed to secure members of the society

and interest in its formation as that which was used in New Hampshire, largely correspondence of a State-wide character, followed up with press articles and occasional visiting. In the case of both societies, the director had the benefit of the hearty support and valuable counsel of Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, of Milton, and the steady co-operation of Dr. Trueblood, the General Secretary of the American Peace Society.

The meeting for the election of officers was held on February 14 at the Friends' Church, a place frequently chosen today as a center for lectures and public meetings. Among those who reinforced the Portland group besides Mrs. Bailey, of Winthrop Center, were Mr. Samuel Buffum, of North Berwick, and Mrs. Mary F. Burnham, both of whom spoke at the meeting for organization; but as in the case of New Hampshire, many representative people gave expression to their sentiments in the form of letters indorsing the movement. Among these were Chief Justice Whitehouse, of Augusta; the presidents of the Maine colleges, the president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, Timothy B. Hussey, United States Senator Gardner, and Edwin Ginn, all of whom appear on the board of officers, a board which is perhaps as representative as any that was ever chosen by a State peace society in this country. A telegram of birthday greeting was sent to Mr. Ginn and an assurance of appreciation to Mr. Smiley, both of whom were made honorary vice-presidents.

The officers elected by the Maine Peace Society were: President, Hon. George L. Crosman, former mayor of Saco; secretary, George E. Fogg, 95 Exchange street, Portland; treasurer, Fenton Tomlinson, Portland; *ex-officio* members of the board of directors; vice-presidents, Robert J. Aley, president of the University of Maine, Orono; Mrs. W. F. Atwood, Bangor; Col. Frederick E. Boothby, Portland; Hon. James P. Baxter, Portland; Rev. David N. Beach, Bangor; George C. Chase, president of Bates College, Lewiston; Hon. Nathan Clifford, president of the Maine Senate, Portland; Hon. Obadiah Gardner, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Frank Guernsey, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.; William De Witt Hyde, president Bowdoin College, Brunswick; Eugene H. Libby, state secretary of the Grange, Auburn; Hon. Charles F. Johnson, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Frederick W. Plaisted, Governor of Maine; Arthur J. Roberts, president Colby College, Waterville; Payson Smith, state superintendent of schools, Augusta; C. E. Stetson, state master of the grange, Greene; Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, national president W. C. T. U., Stroudwater; Hon. William P. Whitehouse, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Augusta, and others; directors, M. M. Bailey, Portland; Rev. Henry Blanchard, D. D., Portland; Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; William H. Dow, *Evening Express*, Portland; Hon. M. P. Frank, Portland; Fred E. Eastman, Portland; Andrew Hawes, Stroudwater; Dr. E. E. Holt, Portland; Rev. R. F. Johannot, Auburn; Miss Ella W. Libby, 150 Park street, Portland; A. T. Laughlin, Portland; Hon. Carl E. Milliken, Island Falls; Hon. C. W. Mullen, mayor of Bangor; Hon. Edward C. Reynolds, Portland; Judge George C. Wing, Auburn; Rev. Charles M. Woodman, Portland; Arthur C. Yeaton, president Westbrook Seminary, Portland.

The president, Hon. George L. Crosman, who took the